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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN ANNULAR ELEMENT COMPRISING  
AN INNER TOOTHING, ESPECIALLY A SLIDING SLEEVE, AND  
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

**TRANSMITTAL OF SMALL ENTITY  
DECLARATION AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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**Attention: REFUND SECTION, ACCOUNTING  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Small Entity Declaration, establishing small entity status for the captioned application. In view of Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) 509:03, refund of the excess fee paid on **September 23, 2004**, is respectfully requested. Please credit a refund in the amount of **\$543.00** to undersigned Counsel's Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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